

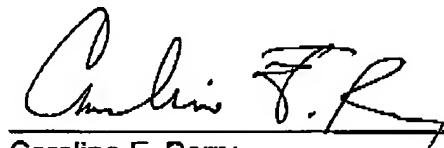
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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon United States Patent Application Publication US 2005/0070985 issued to Knapp et al. Applicants submit affidavits under 35 C.F.R. § 1.131 and evidence that supports Applicants assertion that the claimed invention was created before Knapp. Therefore, Knapp does not qualify as prior art. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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